FROM THE FIELD.

Virginia Notes.

The Brethren of Warren and Frederick Counties held their council meeting March 9th, at Providence. Delegates from Shenandoah county were present and it was decided to consolidate the two congregations into one pastorate, Bro. J. F. Koontz, of Rockingham county, was chosen pastor for the ensuing year, beginning April 1st. Bro. Koontz is comparatively a young man and should be encouraged in the work. He is no stranger to many of us, and by a united effort on part of both pastor and laity much good work can be done.

Bro. Shaver our former pastor leaves us April 1st, to fill Bro. Bowman's place at College of St. James, Md. Bro. J. G. Snyder, of Roaring Springs, Pa., takes Bro. Koontz's place in Rockingham county.

There is one feature about the brethren or rather sisters at Providence that our sisters should pattern, and that is to come out to our quarterly or council meetings. The sisters at Providence come out in as great numbers as the brethren. They encourage the meeting by their presence, and have a say in what is going on at the meeting and then too, it shows that they are alive spiritually. Our sisters as well as the brethren need a little reminder on this subject. We, as a rule, have only two or three sisters at our quarterlies and they apparently feel so abased, by their not being more of them present that they are discouraged at their presence in the meeting. We earnestly desire and request all our members to come out at all the appointments both councils and regular preaching. It seems to me that only sickness, old age and a too great a distance from church should prevent any one from attending church. We want live members to encourage our new pastor in his new field of work. Dead-heads are of no good to the church, to mankind or to God.

Bro. Koontz will have a great work to do, and it will require much sacrifice, consecration, perseverance, energy and devotion to fill the place with credit and satisfaction to God and man. We are, so to speak, in an infant state, but we don't mean to stay so always; we should awake and shake off our swaddling clothes and grow to full manhood. We are sometimes careless, lazy, lukewarm and sometimes self-righteous and self-conceited; we are unprofitable servants at most to share in the kingdom of the King of kings. Then why should we not awake?

At our quarterly meeting at Maurertown in February, Bro. D. W. Philips of Tom's Brook was elected a deacon, a local exhorter. He will doubtless fill the place with credit.

We part with Bro. Shaver with sadness, as he stood by us in the hours of trials, and human victions from earthly sanctuaries, and when we said we would rather serve God than man. He has been the target of many a bad marksman, but he has stood the ordeal with Christian fortitude, although there was anguish and untold torture heaped upon by both kindred, and fellow-travelers to the same land of rest. The Golgotha has been reached and passed, however, and light has once more shown upon the scene.

I mention the fact again that a history of the inception of the Brethren church should be written with statistics of all the organized churches in the different states. Such a book would be largely sought for by the brethren, and besides it being a very valuable book, it would be a source of revenue for the church or brethren should either undertake the work. Let us have the work while brethren are alive who passed through the experience that they may testify in their behalf.

Our pastoral services expires April 1st, and I think it the most suitable time of the year to change pastors. In the autumn, as a rule, protracted meetings are in progress or expected to be, on account of the long nights, mild weather and good roads, and it would be unsuitable to change pastors at this time. In the spring of the year bad weather, bad roads and no expectation of revival work make it a suitable time to change pastors.

A new church will, in all probabilities, be built at a point known as the Forks of the River in———county in the near future. Only a few members live at this place but they make up for more than a whole congregation of dead ones.

In all the years that the EVANGELIST has been a visitor at our home its politics has not been discovered. It is a wonder indeed in this age of political excitement that even a religious journal could be published year after year without revealing its politics.

GEORGE A. COPP.

Fisher's Hill, Va.

Back From Armstrong Co., Pa.

On the second of March I left home for Armstrong County and was met by Bro. Robert Bowser. We had services that night although it was raining and but few turned out. Sabbath we met again, rain and snow, and few were present. The services were in a school house. Bro. Robert Bowser took me to Brush Valley church where we found the house crowded. Bro. John Johns took me along home where I made my head quarters. We had meeting that week, until Thursday night, and Friday and Saturday night and Sunday morning, when the Conservatives sent a man to preach, as they have a few members there. At the close of service he gave privilege for some one to pray, and after a pause I commenced and prayed best I could. But I found that there was some objection to me praying—God bless the brother.

Saturday night I preached to a crowded house. We continued the meeting until the following Thursday night. During the day Bro. Johns and I visited the brethren and also the sick. I visited Bro. and sister Jack and stayed one night with them. They have a very nice family of children. The father and mother of this kind family know what Holy Ghost religion is. Praise the Lord for such families.

Thursday night we closed. Result was two converts, praise the Lord. Till next Sabbath, I think there will more be ready for baptism as I understood Bro. J. B. Wampler was coming to fill his appointments and on Sunday I think he will attend to baptism.

I will not forget to thank the young people for their attention and good behavior during the meeting. May the Lord bless them and bring them in the fold.

J. W. REIGARD.

Trans Missouri Flashes.

Olathe, Kan., March 21.—I am preaching here for a few evenings. My health is not good. Bro. Jos. H. Meyers of Falls City, Neb., is here also. Bro. Joe is full of prophecy.

I go to Rosedale, a suburban town of Kansas City, from here.

Our congregations are small here.

If our Missionary Board have some money I wish they would send a missionary in this field.

I would like to say something about our missionary efforts, but am afraid the editor wouldn't publish it. I'll say this much however, I feel sad.

God speed the day when people will be prompted by higher motives than mere social affinity in their selection of church homes.

When people get so sensitive as to be offended when their wrongs are told them it is time they become converted to truth only.

To our mind the Brethren *doctrinal* position is the best in Christendom.

Oddity is not plainness. Christian peculiarities involve principles rather than oddity.

An elevated, dignified and large soul is liberal.

I believe in the second coming of Christ. I further believe that the fig tree is putting forth its buds, and that his coming is nigh. It would be well for Christians to manifest more interest in this matter.

Lukewarmness is terrible to the awakened Christian conscience.

I believe that 'only believe' embodies the entire plan of salvation, but whom are we to believe? What are we to believe? How are we to believe?

The words which Christ hath spoken shall judge us—when? 'In the last day.'

If the employer were to say, John, chop that wood and kindle the fire and I will pay you fifty cents, both chopping the wood and kindling the fire would be conditions upon which John's pay would be predicated. Why then should we conclude that repentance and baptism in Acts 2:38, are not both conditions upon which the remission of sin is predicated?

O, what arrogance to argue against God.

We can only believe the gospel by obeying it. We can only obey it by believing it.

Men's acts determine their character.

We can only be saved by being forgiven. We are promised forgiveness when we obey.

All true obedience is founded upon honesty of purpose.

There is a conspicuous contrast between low witticism and wise sayings.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Salem Church, Ind.

We are hammering away here at Salem as best we can. We have services every two weeks, at 11 a. m., and in the evening. Next Sunday we preach at a school house about 5 miles from the church, and shall keep up that appointment monthly for a while. Saturday evening next, we meet to organize for our Sunday School work.

We were pleased to see sister J. H. Swihart and her daughter, sister Lizzie, at our services last Sunday.

We had hoped ere this to have had Bro. Bashor with us, but have not succeeded as yet. We believe there is a chance to do some work here if we had a few good meetings.

B. L. GORDON.

March 19, 1889.

Fairview, Ohio.

Bro. I. D. Bowman came to our place and began a series of meetings February, preaching earnestly and faithfully for over five weeks, with the result that the church was greatly revived and encouraged and a grand work done in converting souls. The additions have been reported. We are made to feel thankful to God for his love and power manifested unto us. My prayer to him is, that the brethren and sisters will go to work more earnestly and be more zealous in discharging their duty, that we may try to set a proper example before those that have lately started in the good work. Bro. Bowman made many warm friends during his stay with us. Hope we may have the privilege of having him come among us again in the near future. I think our pastor, Bro. Tombaugh, will be greatly encouraged by the goodly number added to his church at this place, and with the bright prospects of the future. May God keep us all faithful until death.

'At the sounding of the trumpet
When the saint's are gathered home,
We will greet each other by the crystal sea
With the friends and all the loved ones there awaiting us to come.
What a gathering of the faithful that will be.'

MAGGIE WHITE.

March 12, 1889.

Wanted.

For three months an evangelist for the States of Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri. To a successful evangelist we will pay a good salary. Any information wanted will be cheerfully given by the Sec'y of the Mission Board.—G. W. Myers Sec'y., Sabetha, Kan.

Waterloo, Iowa.

Two weeks ago, we left our home in Kansas, in the midst of a Dutch measel scare, for this place—the garden spot and banner county of the great commonwealth of Iowa—'twin sister to Kansas (only a year or two younger on the Prohibition question) which has ceased to be a question in Kansas, and but a little more time and patience will seal the doom for Iowa's liquor traffic.

It is needless to mention that the friends here were glad when we came, while we indulge the consciousness that they were glad again when we left. We did not intend this as a visit, only left our cards for our return from the east about August next. While here, attended two meetings and one social meeting. This evening will leave for Lanark where we remain for two weeks. The weather and roads were pleasant while here. We are well and happy.

D. A. LICHTY.

March 19th, 1889.

OUR CHURCH.

Marriage and death notices will be published next week.

Bro. I. D. Bowman is at Ankneytown this week. He left last Saturday morning.

We expect a gathering of the College workers again, the last of this week. It is hoped that all the Trustees will be present.

Bro. W. W. Summers is now holding a revival meeting at Tiosa, Ind. There is need for a good work there, and may the Lord help him to do it.

Sister W. says, I should be sorry to do without the EVANGELIST, one number. It brings so much good news from the labors of our ministering brethren.

The children have completed Company D. and there is now turned over to the credit of the College, $40.00. This is a noble tribute to the names of the little folks.

Bro. L. W. Ditch is now at work in his new field of labor, and his correspondents will take notice that his address is now Rossville, Ind., instead of South Bend, Ind.

There will be a meeting of the Trustees of the University next Friday, the 29th, and then arrangements will be made for the school next year. and plans framed for the prosecution of the canvass.

Bro. D. J. Bole is doing a good Lord's Day school work in Pittsburg, Pa. The Lord is prospering the work with which he is connected. We hope the time is near at hand when a Brethren church will be founded in the city.

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We deal fairly and honestly with all our patrons, but we can not avoid errors, and if you are the one who has not received what is due you, don't get excited about it, before you have written a brotherly letter, to inform us what you believe is due you.

Bro. J. P. Wolf, of Lathrop, Cal., writes that 'We have just been having good heavy rains, which our country very much needed. We all rejoice with you at the grand success our evangelists everywhere are having. May the good work continue to go on.' Good rains mean prosperity in California, and we are glad to hear it.

It is with much satisfaction that we learn of the success of Bro. Swihart's meeting near Warsaw. The number is not many, but sufficient to greatly encourage the innocent little church at that place, which has been laboring on so faithfully amidst the great discouragements that have surrounded it. The Lord bless them all.

Brother J. H. Swihart has bestowed a merited compliment upon Bro. J. H. Palmer. Bro. P. entered the ministry amidst many disadvantages. He has proven that his motives are pure, and he has improved as a speaker. He has been loyal to the church and its interests and true to the doctrine. He has struggled along manfully, over-coming obstacle after obstacle, and sacrificing as few brethren have. Hold out faithful, brother P. and when Christ comes, he will give thee a crown of glory.

Bro. D. White, of California, writes that he has enjoyed a feast of fat things, not consisting of those things which are put upon tables, but which is satisfying to the soul. This we are glad to know. At times brethren misunderstand the hopes and aims of the Brethren church, by judg-

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